

**REMARKS**

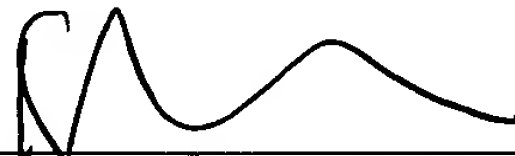
Co-filed herewith are 2 references and Form PTO/SB/08a/b which the Applicants respectfully request be placed in the file prior to issuance of the application. The Applicants understand that the Examiner is under no obligation to review the submitted references as the Issue Fee was paid on April 13, 2005, however, the Applicants would greatly appreciate review of the cited references by the Examiner. Although a fee transmittal is not included in this submission, should the Examiner be willing to make the enclosed references of record and feels that a fee is due under 37 CFR § 1.17 (p)), the Applicants authorize such payment using the deposit account information listed below.

The 2 references are Paterra machine translations of JP 5-271097-A and JP-6-172205-A. JP 5-271097-A and JP-6-172205-A (in Japanese) and their English abstracts were submitted by the Applicants in the Information Disclosure Statement mailed May 15, 2003 and the Examiner made the English abstracts of record in the PTO-892 received with the Office Action mailed May 13, 2004. The Applicants received these translations April 15, 2005.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief (such as payment of a fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (p)) is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petition and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing **342312003601**.

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